**Executive Summary of Program Assessment**

**Campus: MU**

**College/School: College of Arts and Science**

**Academic Unit: Department of History**

**Date Submitted: 12/15/14**

**Person Responsible for Success of Program: John Wigger, Chair**

**Person Submitted Executive Summary:**

Patricia Okker, Interim Deputy Provost

**Degree Programs**

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| **Degree (e.g., BS, MA, PhD)** | **Degree Program** | **Enrollment** | | **Number of Degrees Awarded** | |
| **Most Recent Fall Semester**  **2013** | **5-Year Fall Semester Average** | **Most Recent Academic Year**  **2013** | **5-Year Average** |
| BA | History | 235 | 299 | 89 | 95.4 |
| MA | History | 16 | 14 | 3 | 5.4 |
| PhD | History | 41 | 41.4 | 3 | 4.0 |

**Changes Since Last Review (2009)**

* Establishment of the Forum on Constitutional Democracy, with $1.6M funding from the Kinder Foundation
* 34% drop in majors from 2009 until 2013
* 95% increase in enrollment in graduate courses
* Development of new research leave program designed to enhance research productivity

**Strategies or Plans for Improving Program**

* Increase research productivity
* Improve marketing of undergraduate History courses and the undergraduate major
* Improve funding for graduate students
* Continue to highlight and plan for key challenges facing the department, including significant number of upcoming faculty retirements and lack of competitiveness with faculty salaries.